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1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL TEXT OF DR. BOURNE'S SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED MORNING OF JUNE 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS DISTINGUISHED BODY. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE REST OF THE BUREAU FOR YOUR UNANIMOUS ELECTIONS. IT IS A WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION OF YOUR DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT.

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COUNCIL SESSIONS AS IMPORTANT AND USEFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND ALSO TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES WITH OUR COLLEAGUES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

PRESIDENT CARTER IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PROMOTING

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND TO BUILDING THE STRENGTH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH THE MANY ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. LAST YEAR THE PRESIDENT MET WITH THE HEADS OF SEVERAL OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND REEMPHASIZED HIS BELIEF THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MUST PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ANY SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. OUR ADMINISTRATION IS ACTIVELY COOPERATING WITH THE CONGRESS TO INCREASE OUR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS; A MAJOR PORTION OF THIS AID WILL BE FUNNELED THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, PARTICULARLY THE UNDP.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SOUGHT TO SHOW THE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE WORK OF UN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BY SENDING HIS CABINET OFFICERS AND WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS TO REPRESENT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT MAJOR CONFERENCES OF THE UN AGENCIES INVOLVED. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO COME TO THIS SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FROM THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AS PART OF THIS POLICY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF CABINET AND WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS IN THE WORK OF THE UN AGENCIES HELPS US BETTER UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THERE ARE CERTAIN BASIC HUMAN ASPIRATIONS WHICH
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EXIST NO MATTER WHERE PEOPLE LIVE OR WHAT POLITICAL STRUCTURE THEY ARE UNDER. THEY INCLUDE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER, PHYSICAL SUFFERING, WAR, PESTS, POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND SERVITUDE TO OTHERS, HAVING ADEQUATE SHELTER AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN GROW UP AS HEALTHY AND EDUCATED INDIVIDUALS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES.

OUR EFFORTS TO MEET THESE ASPIRATIONS ARE LINKED TO,BUT ALSO TRANSCEND, THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. WHILE ITS RESOURCES AND MANDATE ARE LIMITED, UNDP CAN, NONETHELESS, HELP TO MEET SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE GOALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO THE CAPACITY OF THE POOR TO PARTICIPATE IN, AND BENEFIT FROM, THEIR COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH.

AT THE SAME TIME WE FEEL A POPULATION THAT IS HEALTHY AND WELL FED IS INDISPENSABLE FOR A COUNTRY TO REALIZE ITS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL. IN HIS REMARKS TO THIS ASSEMBLY ONE YEAR AGO, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF OUR AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EMPHASIZED OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD

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GIVE STRONG EMPHASIS TO MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOREST, THAT IS, ASSURING THE LEVELS OF NUTRITION, HEALTH AND EDUCATION WHICH WILL PERMIT THEM TO FULLY TAKE PART IN DECISION MAKING AND THE WORK OF NATION BUILDING. IN THIS VIEW, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATION'S HUMAN RESOURCES IS AS IMPORTANT AN INVESTMENT AS THE PROVISION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT IS NOT A RIVAL TO PROGRESS TOWARDS A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT PROVIDES A NECESSARY INTERNAL DIMENSION.

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WE, THE COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN UNDP, HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE COLLECTIVELY ENGAGED IN A RACE AGAINST TIME TO ELIMINATE POVERTY AND PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT. WE ALL KNOW THAT THESE TASKS WILL BE WITH US FOR DECADES; YET TIME IS RUNNING OUT. REFORMS DELAYED TODAY MEAN MILLIONS OF YOUNG LIVES DESTROYED TOMORROW. WHILE THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE ARE VALID DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, WE URGE UNDP AND THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS TO EXAMINE THEIR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO TRY TO MAXIMIZE THEIR IMPACT UPON THE POOR MAJORITY.

WE ARE MOVING TO ASSURE THAT OUR OWN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCREASINGLY EMPHASIZES GREATER HOST COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING OF DEVELOPMENT

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AID AND STRESSES CLOSER COLLABORATION WITH THE UN
SYSTEM AS WELL AS WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.
IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT NO MEANINGFUL CHANGE CAN
OCCUR WITHOUT THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF RECIPIENT
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GOVERNMENTS AT EACH PHASE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS IDENTIFIED TWO AREAS
OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WHICH AFFECT PARTICIPATION OF THE
POOR IN DEVELOPMENT AND IS UNDERTAKING SPECIAL INITIATIVES
IN THESE FIELDS. ONE IS INTERNATIONAL HEALTH; THE
SECOND IS FOOD AND NUTRITION.

EACH YEAR MORE THAN 15.6 MILLION CHILDREN DIE
BEFORE THEY REACH THE AGE OF FIVE, 15.1 MILLION OF THEM
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
PEOPLE ARE AFFLICTED BY SUCH DISEASES AS MALARIA,
LEPROSY, AND SCHISTOSOMIASIS WHICH EXACT A TERRIBLE
TOLL ON HUMAN SUFFERING AND WASTED PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL.
AS MANY AS 40 MILLION PEOPLE SUFFER FROM SOME FORM OF
BLINDNESS, A TRULY GLOBAL PROBLEM WHICH IS LARGELY
PREVENTABLE AND OFTEN REVERSIBLE AND WHICH HAS AN
EXTRAORDINARY NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT.

MY GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN
ITS COMMITMENT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH,
WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SUCH PROBLEMS AS PROVIDING
CLEAN DRINKING WATER, AND THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
OF BLINDNESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR
COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND WITH MULTILATERAL
ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTROL OR ELIMINATE THE REMAINING
MAJOR DISEASES THAT STILL KILL OR CRIPPLE MILLIONS EACH
YEAR. WE WERE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO HEAR THE
ADMINISTRATOR EMPHASIZE THE UNDP'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
IN THIS EFFORT. HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION CONTINUE TO BE
ENORMOUS WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS. THE WORLD BANK ESTIMATES
THAT 700 MILLION PEOPLE ARE SERIOUSLY MALNOURISHED.
THEY ARE AMONG THE 1.2 BILLION WITHOUT ACCESS TO SAFE
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DRINKING WATER OR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. A DISPRO-
PORTIONATE SHARE OF THE UNDERNOURISHED ARE INFANTS,
CHILDREN, AND WOMEN, PARTICULARLY PREGNANT AND NURSING
MOTHERS. AND, OF COURSE, THEY ARE ALMOST ALL LOCATED
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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THEREFORE, AS A SECOND INITIATIVE WE PLAN TO ESTABLISH A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON WORLD HUNGER WHICH, OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WILL MAKE SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEANS OF ENSURING ADEQUATE FOOD AND NUTRITION FOR ALL PEOPLE AND WILL SEEK TO MOBILIZE THE RESOURCES OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THESE STRATEGIES.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO TARGET ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND IMPROVING NUTRITION AND HEALTH IN AN INTEGRATED AND BROAD-BASED ATTACK ON POVERTY. OUR APPROACH WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE WELL ESTABLISHED EMPHASIS GIVEN BY THE UN SYSTEM, AND ESPECIALLY THE UNDP, TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOREST PEOPLE AND THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

NOW, MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A FEW AREAS AFFECTING UNDP THAT ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO MY GOVERNMENT.

THE FIRST IS THE STRENGTHENING OF UNDP'S COORDINATION ROLE. IN SURVEYING UNDP ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, WE HAVE NOTICED A DISTURBING TREND TOWARDS INCREASED FRAGMENTATION OF EFFORT. IN ONE RECENT INSTANCE IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HIMSELF WAS IGNORANT OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE RESOURCES BEING PROVIDED BY DONORS THROUGH UN AGENCIES. MANY OF THE FUNDS IN TRUST WERE QUITE SMALL AND TARGETED TO OVERLY RESTRICTIVE PROGRAM GOALS. THE
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HOST COUNTRY ITSELF WAS NO MORE AWARE THAN THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS. THE RESULT OF THIS KIND OF PROLIFERATION IS THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT CANNOT ENGAGE IN EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND AS A RESULT BOTH DONORS AND RECIPIENTS ARE GETTING LESS VALUE THAN THEY SHOULD FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

SOME STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. THERE IS NOW CLOSER RAPPORT BETWEEN UNDP AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THANKS TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR IN SETTING UP THE AGENCY TASK FORCE AT UNDP HEADQUARTERS AND TO THOSE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF AGENCIES WHO DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXPERIMENT. WE HOPE THAT ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WILL SOON SHARE IN THIS EXPERIENCE. THE SET OF SPECIAL STUDIES SUBMITTED TO THIS COUNCIL IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF CLOSER COLLABORATION AMONG THE ELEMENTS OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, AND AN INDICATION THAT THE UNDP WILL SERVE AS ITS FOCUS.

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THIS COORDINATION DOES NOT EXTEND, HOWEVER, TO OTHER ACTIVITIES EXECUTED BY UN AGENCIES, NOT FUNDED BY UNDP. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INVOLVING UN AGENCIES SHOULD BE COORDINATED BY UNDP AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL. A SOLUTION TO THIS LONGSTANDING PROBLEM IS FURNISHED BY THE 1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESTRUCTURING RESOLUTION, WHICH PROVIDES THAT "ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OVER-ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND COORDINATION OF, OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT CARRIED OUT AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO A SINGLE OFFICIAL..."

THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IS VIEWED BY THE UNITED STATES AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF UNDP IN THE INTERESTS OF OVERALL EFFICIENCY AND

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EFFECTIVENESS. WE WELCOME AND SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATING COMMITTEE THAT THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NORMALLY BE DESIGNATED AS THE PERSON AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL TO COORDINATE ALL UN ACTIVITIES.

ALONG WITH THE GRANTING OF COORDINATIVE AUTHORITY, WE MUST STRENGTHEN UNDP'S MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AT ALL LEVELS. THE 1977 RESTRUCTURING RESOLUTION TALKS OF NEED TO "ACHIEVE MAXIMUM UNIFORMITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY, PERSONNEL, AND PLANNING PROCEDURES." UNDP AND THE UN AGENCIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

IMPROVED COORDINATION OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRES NATIONS TO BUILD UPON THE STRENGTHS OF UNDP AND TO RECOGNIZE AND ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE WEAKNESSES
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WHERE THEY MAY EXIST. IT ALSO REQUIRES STRONG, CONCERTED ACTION TOWARD RELATED ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE UNDP FRAMEWORK. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES MEMBER STATES SHOULD:

-- CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN THE UNDP AS THE MAJOR CHANNEL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE UN SYSTEM AND AVOID CREATING NEW SPECIAL FUNDS EXCEPT WHEN PROVEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY;

-- SUPPORT A STRENGTHENED ROLE FOR THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1) BY MAKING THEM THE FOCAL POINT IN THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY FOR LIAISON AMONG AGENCIES ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, (2) BY INVOLVING THEM AT ALL STAGES OF PROJECT FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND (3) BY ENCOURAGING UNDP'S DECENTRALIZATION OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT;

-- INSTRUCT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OTHER UN AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF UNDP COORDINATION AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL;

-- ENCOURAGE THE UNDP, WORKING WITH OTHER RELEVENT UN BODIES, TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSEMBLING TIMELY, COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPARABLE DATA ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, DO SO FOR

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BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS; AND LASTLY,

-- SUPPORT AN ENHANCED ROLE FOR THE UNDP IN SETTING TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR PROJECT DESIGN, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION,

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IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TO HELP IMPROVE EVALUATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

EVALUATION MERITS INDIVIDUAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS. THE UN SYSTEM MUST STRESS THE NEED FOR THOROUGH EVALUATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS MORE EFFECTIVE EVALUATION BENEFITS RECIPIENT COUNTRIES MORE THAN DONORS. THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ARE LIMITED AND THE NEEDS ARE GREAT. BETTER USE OF THESE RESOURCES PROVIDE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WASTE MEANS LOST OPPORTUNITY AND SLOWER GROWTH RATES. BECAUSE OF ITS CENTRAL POSITION IN THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, UNDP

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SHOULD PLAY A STRONGER LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE MUCH
NEEDED IMPROVEMENT OF EVALUATION IN THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

I HAVE A FEW GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES, AND ON U.S. VIEWS AS TO
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IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF
1975 AND 1976 ARE NOW SQUARELY BEHIND US. UNDP'S
RESOURCES ARE GROWING AT A SUBSTANTIAL RATE--A TRIBUTE
TO MEMBERS' CONFIDENCE IN ADMINISTRATOR MORSE AND IN
THE PROGRAM ITSELF. THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT SHOWS
CLEARLY THAT THE IMPACT OF 1975-1976 CONTINUED TO BE
FELT IN 1977 WITH TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES AGAIN
FALLING. UNDP'S SHARE OF TOTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED BY THE UN IS NOW LESS THAN HALF. THIS IS A
DISTURBING TREND. WE NOTE WITH OPTIMISM THAT NET
PROJECT APPROVALS HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY IN 1977 AND
THAT THERE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PROJECT
EXECUTION IN 1978 AND LATER YEARS.

WE URGE UNDP AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO
INCREASE THE PACE OF IDENTIFYING, APPROVING AND
IMPLEMENTING SOUND AND IMAGINATIVE PROJECTS. THE NEED
IS THERE, THE RESOURCES ARE THERE. MOREOVER, A GREATER
RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD SPUR DONORS TO CONTRIBUTE
MORE TO MEET THE 14 GROWTH RATE GOAL.

TO ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS, DONORS, INCLUDING THE
UNITED STATES, ARE CONSIDERING VARIOUS FORMS OF GIVING
UNDP MULTI-YEAR INDICATIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO
SMOOTH THE GROWTH RATE IN PROJECT DELIVERY AND TO ALLOW
FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING. THE RETURN TO HIGHER RATES OF
RESOURCE UTILIZATION BY UNDP WILL BE AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR AS DONORS EXAMINE THIS POSSIBILITY.

TO REACH THE POOR MORE EFFECTIVELY WE MUST LOOK AT
THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS WITHIN UNDP ITSELF. HERE I
AM GOING TO BE FRANK IN EXPRESSING MY COUNTRY'S CONCERN
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THAT A FEW DEVELOPED OR VERY WEALTHY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ARE DRAWING SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS FROM UNDP. THESE RESOURCES
COULD BE RELEASED TO HELP SURMOUNT DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS

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IN LESS FORTUNATE COUNTRIES. MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY BEIEVES THAT THESE FEW COUNTRIES SHOULD JOIN THOSE WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN VDLUNTARILY FROM RECEIVING UNDP FUNDS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THESE COUNTRIES NEED FOREGO THE SERVICES OF UNDP WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNDP PROGRAMS THAT DEVELOPED OR HIGH INCOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES USE AND REIMBURSE UNDP FOR SERVICES PROVIDED.

ALSO RELATED TO UNDP'S FINANCIAL HEALTH IS THE CONTINUING ACCUMULATION OF NON-USEABLE, NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. WE WERE ENCOURAGED TO HEAR FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT SOME STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO USE THESE RESOURCES. WE HOPE THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE ISSUE SHOULD BE EXAMINED AGAIN DURING THE MID-CYCLE REVIEW AT THE 26TH GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION.

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT MENTIONS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. SINCE WE WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE UNDP TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN PREPARATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. HEALTHY WELL-EDUCATED CHILDREN BECOME PRODUCTIVE ADULTS WHO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN ANY OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES. TOGETHER WITH UNICEF AND THE OTHER UN AGENCIES, UNDP HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AND PLAN LONG-TERM PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THE WORST ASPECTS OF POVERTY BY THE YEAR 2000 AND TO OFFER THE CHILDREN OF TODAY A BETTER TOMORROW.

WE AGREE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT THERE SHOULD
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BE AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. IT HAS EXCEPTIONAL POTENTIAL, WHICH WE FEEL HAS NOT BEEN FULLY REALIZED. WE BELIEVE WAYS TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE EXAMINED.

WOMEN PLAY ESSENTIAL ROLES ALL OVER THE WORLD IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION AS WELL AS IN FAMILY AND VILLAGE LIFE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WOMEN NOT BE LEFT OUT OF BASIC PLANNING AND THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES. MY GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED AT THE STRIDES TAKEN BY UNDP IN URGING THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND IN THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN ON THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

IN CONCLUSION, WE CAN STATE WITH ASSURANCE THAT THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT IS PROCEEDING AT AN ACCELERATED AND UNPRECEDENTED RATE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH; TO THE CONTRARY, IT IS A RECOGNITION
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THAT MORE MUST BE DONE IN THE FUTURE. GAINS HAVE BEEN RECORDED DURING THE PAST YEAR: UNDP IS AGAIN ON SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING; DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED NATIONS ARE WORKING MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER TO FIND MEANS OF DEALING WITH NATIONAL ECONOMIC NEEDS, DISEASE, HUNGER AND POVERTY; THERE IS GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS PROCESS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL NATIONS AND ALL PEOPLES. YET MUCH REMAINS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO REPORT TO HIM ON THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE ENTIRE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM WHEN I RETURN TO WASHINGTON. I WILL ASSURE HIM OF THE EXCEPTIONAL VITALITY OF THE

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UNDP, AND THE DEDICATION OF ALL OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED HERE TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC JUSTICE BETWEEN NATIONS, TO ALLEVIATE INDIVIDUAL POVERTY, AND TO CREATE A WORLD FOR THE FUTURE IN WHICH A PERSON ANYWHERE ON THE GLOBE WILL HAVE AN EQUAL CHANCE TO ACHIEVE HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. END TEXT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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